GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7690
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PROPOSALS FROM GUJARAT
SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat and Gujarat Maritime Board has requested the Union Government tolink the ports with railway lines;

(b) if so, the number of proposals sent by the Government of Gujarat and Gujarat Maritime Board for approval;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government on each proposal; and

(d) the present status regarding linking of ports with rail lines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d) : A proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat for development of rail infrastructure in the State, including improving connectivity to the ports in the State. The draft MOU receivedfrom the State Government lists nine projects. Of these, three are already sanctioned projects. Regarding the other six projects, Government of Gujarat has been requested to engage RITES to undertake surveys for the same, before any decision can be taken regarding taking up these projects for execution.

Rail connectivity to the major port of Kandla is already available. BG rail connectivity to Mundra Port has since been established. Rail connectivity to the Port of Pipavav is being developed through formation of a Special-Purpose-Vehicle (SPV).